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**REMARKS:**

Dear Examiner Graser:

As discussed, a Rule 116 Amendment follows.

Best Regards,

  
Richard L. Stevens, Jr.

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V. ANGUILLARUM THAT PROTECTS  
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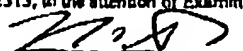
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**RULE 116 AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this amendment is being sent on October 21, 2003 by facsimile (703-872-9306) addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Arlington, VA 22313, to the attention of Examiner Jennifer Graser of Art Unit 1643.

  
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